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## 24-HOUR REPORT

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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Salinas – Two Monterey County Students Arrested for Bringing Gun to Campus

(U) Two Salinas High School students were arrested Monday for bringing a firearm to campus. The arrest followed a 45-minute campus-wide lockdown the school put in place after receiving an anonymous tip that a student brought a gun to campus. Upon initial investigation, officers from the Salinas Police Department and the Probation Department, accompanied by a police dog trained to detect firearms, searched the suspected student but did not find any trace of a weapon.

SOURCE: 19 August 2021, [Mercury News](#)

#### (U) San Bernardino – Suspect in Sheriff's Deputy Ambush Killed in Gun Battle

(U) The suspect believed to have shot a San Bernardino County sheriff's deputy was killed following a gun battle Wednesday afternoon that left other two police officers wounded in Highland, authorities said. San Bernardino Police said Wednesday's shooting happened around 3:38 p.m. as police officers identified a possible suspect from Tuesday's shooting of a sheriff's deputy. When police attempted to make the arrest, an officer-involved shooting occurred. The suspect and both officers were struck by gunfire. One of the officers shot had to be rushed into emergency surgery. Both of the wounded officers are in stable condition. The suspect has been identified and described as a dangerous gang member with an extensive criminal history, including assault and robbery.

SOURCE: 18 August 2021, [ABC7](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) District of Columbia – Possible Explosive Reported in Truck Near Library of Congress

(U) Washington – Police were investigating a report Thursday morning of a possible explosive device in a pickup truck outside the Library of Congress on Capitol Hill and have evacuated the area around the building, two law enforcement officials announced. US Capitol Police said officers were “responding to a suspicious vehicle near the Library of Congress.” The vehicle has been driven onto a sidewalk on 1<sup>st</sup> Street and a suspect is inside the vehicle holding something in his hand, according to media reports.

SOURCE: 19 August 2021, [AP](#)

#### (U) Florida – US Businessman Charged for Helping Venezuelan Air Force

(U) Miami – A US businessman was charged with sanctions violations and money laundering for allegedly helping Venezuela's military repair aircraft, according to a complaint filed with the US District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Jorge Nobrega, chief executive of Miami-based Achabal Technologies Inc, was taken into custody on Sunday and is expected to appear in a Miami court on Wednesday morning, a court document filed on Monday shows.

SOURCE: 18 August 2021, [Reuters](#)

#### (U) Indiana – Two Women Dead in Shooting at Clinton County Plant, Suspect in Custody

(U) Frankfort – Police are investigating a shooting at the new NHK plant in Clinton County that left two women dead. Investigators say the two victims were a woman and her granddaughter, who worked together at the plant and had just arrived for their shift, when the suspect, a fellow co-worker who had

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just finished working, walked up to them outside the plant and shot them. Police later identified the man as Gary C. Ferrell II, 26, of Frankfort. Police said a description of the blue Ford Focus, which witnesses said Ferrell fled in, helped a sheriff's deputy identify him within a minute after he left the plant. When that officer tried to pull Ferrell over, police say, the suspect took off, crashing soon after into a construction zone in nearby Frankfort.

SOURCE: 18 August 2021, [WTHR](#)

### **(U) Ohio – Man Pleads Guilty to Role in \$300 Million Cryptocurrency Laundering Service**

(U) Columbus – An Ohio man has pleaded guilty to his role in a cryptocurrency laundering service that moved some \$300 million on behalf of dark web marketplaces and other clients, the Justice Department said Wednesday. Larry Dean Harmon, 38, admitted to running Helix, a popular service for concealing the source of bitcoin transactions, from 2014 to 2017. Helix allegedly worked with AlphaBay, a notorious \$1 billion marketplace for hacking tools and drugs that security researchers recently warned could be coming back online. Harmon faces up to 20-years in prison and a \$500,000 fine, according to the Justice Department.

SOURCE: 18 August 2021, [CyberScoop](#)

### **(U) INTERNATIONAL**

#### **(U) Afghanistan – Taliban Frees Thousands of Prisoners, Including al-Qa'ida and ISIS Fighters**

(U) Kabul – As the Taliban takes over Afghanistan, it has freed thousands of prisoners, including top leaders affiliated with al-Qa'ida and the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS), a move likely to complicate US efforts to evacuate personnel from Kabul. The release of more than 5,000 prisoners from Bagram Air Base, which the Taliban captured during the weekend, is compounding worries that US forces will come under attack in the coming days.

SOURCE: 17 August 2021, [Washington Free Beacon](#)

#### **(U) Burkina Faso – Islamist Militants Kill 47 in Northern Burkina Faso**

(U) Ouagadougou – An attack on Wednesday by Islamist militants in northern Burkina Faso killed 47 people, including 30 civilians and 14 soldiers, state media reported. The attack near the northern town of Arbinda also killed three pro-government militiamen, state news agency AIB reported. At least 58 militants were also killed in the resulting combat, a security source said. Militants linked to al-Qa'ida and ISIS regularly carry out attacks in northern Burkina Faso as well as in neighboring Mali and Niger.

SOURCE: 18 August 2021, [Reuters](#)

#### **(U) China – Hong Kong Police Arrest University Students for 'Advocating Terrorism'**

(U) Hong Kong – Hong Kong police said on Wednesday four students were arrested for "advocating terrorism" after their student union passed a motion last month mourning the death of a 50-year-old who stabbed a policeman before killing himself. Police have said an officer was stabbed from behind on 1 July while on duty with other policemen preventing protest gatherings on the anniversary of the former British colony's return to Chinese rule. The man then stabbed himself in the chest with the knife and died later in the hospital. Shortly after the attack, a few dozen members of the Hong Kong University student union passed a motion to commemorate his death and "appreciate" his "sacrifice."

SOURCE: 17 August 2021, [Reuters](#)

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